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January 11, 2017

Ms. Candice Charlton
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Procurement Operations Division
4411 Montgomery Road, Suite 300
Norwood, OH 45212

Dear Ms. Charlton:

Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington MA, 02421, tel: 781-674-7200, fax: 781-674-2851, DUNS# 11-294-7395, Tax ID# (b)(4) is pleased to submit its cost proposal in reference to Solicitation No. SOL-CI-16-00058 entitled, "Program Support, Analysis, and Advancement of Transportation Emission Reduction and Fuel Savings Program." We take no exceptions to the terms and conditions stated in the Solicitation, including Amendments 000001 and 000002 dated 12/22/2016.

ERG has priced our proposal realistically following the Solicitation pricing instructions. We designate the following individuals as both points of contact and authorized negotiators:

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This proposal is submitted in response to Solicitation number SOL-CI-16-00058. By submitting this proposal, ERG, if selected for discussions, grants EPA or its authorized representatives, the right to examine, for purposes of verifying the information submitted, those books, records, documents, and other supporting data that will permit adequate evaluation; and this right may be exercised in connection with any such reviews deemed necessary by the Government.

In order to ensure that the ERG team is available for support upon contract award, we request that consent to utilize our team subcontractors be incorporated in any resultant contract.

The enclosed proposal, two hardcopies, has been uploaded via FedConnect and assumes a Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee, Level-of-Effort type contract. The offer is firm for a period of one-hundred and eighty (180) days from the Solicitation specified due date of January 11, 2017 and is subject to mutually acceptable terms and conditions. Our cognizant Government Audit Agency contacts at the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421 are: Zelma Calderon, Audit Supervisor (781)377-7269 and Robert Corso, Branch Manager, (781)377-5644. ERG's EPA FACO is Rose M Piard-Hylton, Piard-hylton.rose@epa.gov, (202)564-4427.

If you have any questions concerning our offer, please do not hesitate to contact any of the above specified individuals. All notices regarding this proposal should be addressed to Sandeep Kishan, Vice President, 14555 Avion Parkway, Suite 200, Chantilly, VA 20151 (e-mail: Sandeep.kishan@erg.com) as well as Dickran Babigian, Contracts Director, 110 Hartwell Ave, Lexington, MA 02421 (e-mail: dickran.babigian@erg.com).

Sincerely,

David Meyers
President & CEO

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2. CONTRACT NUMBER		3. SOLICITATION NUMBER SOL-CI-16-00058		4. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)		5. DATE ISSUED 11/29/2016	
7. J BY		CODE CPOD		8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (if other than Item 7) CPOD US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CINCINNATI PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION 26 WEST MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE CINCINNATI OH 45268			

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

SOLICITATION			
9. Sealed offers in original and _____ copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in item 8, or if hand carried, in the depository located in _____ until _____ local time _____			
CPOD 1200 ED 01/09/2017 (Hour) (Date)			

CAUTION: LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.			
10. FOR INFORMATION CALL:		A. NAME Candice Charlton	
		B. TELEPHONE (NO COLLECT CALLS) AREA CODE 513 NUMBER 487-2007 EXT.	
		C. E-MAIL ADDRESS Charlton.Candice@epa.gov	

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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

Item 12 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provisions at 52.214-16, Minimum Bid Acceptance Period.

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within 180 calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.

13. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See Section I, Clause No. 52.232.8)		10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	28 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	CALENDAR DAYS (%)
14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION for offerors and related documents numbered and dated):		AMENDMENT NO.	DATE	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE
		000001	12/22/16		
		000002	12/22/16		

15A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR		CODE C06P8	FACILITY 1B050	16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)	
Eastern Research Group, Inc. 110 Hartwell Avenue, 2nd Floor Lexington, MA 02421		David Meyers, President + CEO			

15B. TELEPHONE NUMBER			15C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - ENTER SUCH ADDRESS IN SCHEDULE.		17. SIGNATURE		18. OFFER DATE	
AREA CODE 781	NUMBER 614-7200	EXT.			David Meyers		1/9/17	

19. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS NUMBERED		20. AMOUNT		21. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION	
22. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304 (c) () <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) ()				23. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	
24. ADMINISTERED BY (if other than Item 7)				25. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY	
CODE				CODE	
26. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Sandra Savage				27. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
				28. AWARD DATE	
				(Signature of Contracting Officer)	

IMPORTANT - Award will be made on this Form, or on Standard Form 26, or by other authorized official written notice.

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COST PROPOSAL

**Submitted in Response to
Solicitation No. SOL-CI-16-00058**

**“Program Support, Analysis, and Advancement of Transportation
Emission Reduction and Fuel Savings Program”**

Submitted by:

Eastern Research Group, Inc.
110 Hartwell Avenue
2nd Floor
Lexington, MA 02421

January 11, 2017

All cost and pricing data contained in this cost proposal submission, in response to the above referenced solicitation, is deemed privileged and confidential and shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose other than to evaluate the proposal without prior written approval from Eastern Research Group, Inc.

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K-1 Clauses

K-1 FAR 52.204-8 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS. (FEB 2016)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541620.

(2) The small business size standard is \$15,000,000.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b)(1) If the provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the provision at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), and has completed the Representations and Certifications section of SAM electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

☒ (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

☐ (ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c)(1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless-

(A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13;

(B) The solicitation is a request for technical proposals under two-step sealed bidding procedures; or

(C) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or regulation.

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include provision at 52.204-7, System for Award Management.

(iv) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). This provision applies to solicitations that-

(A) Are not set aside for small business concerns;

(B) Exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; and

(C) Are for contracts that will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(v) 52.209-2, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations-Representation.

(vi) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(vii) 52.209-11, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(viii) 52.214-14, Place of Performance-Sealed Bidding. This provision applies to invitations for bids except those in which the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(ix) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(x) 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations (Basic & Alternate I). This provision applies to solicitations when the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(A) The basic provision applies when the solicitations are issued by other than DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard.

(B) The provision with its Alternate I applies to solicitations issued by DoD, NASA, or the Coast Guard.

(xi) 52.219-2, Equal Low Bids. This provision applies to solicitations when contracting by sealed bidding and the contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas.

(xii) 52.222-22, Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports. This provision applies to solicitations that include the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.

(xiii) 52.222-25, Affirmative Action Compliance. This provision applies to solicitations, other than those for construction, when the solicitation includes the clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity.

(xiv) 52.222-38, Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements. This provision applies to solicitations when it is anticipated the contract award will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and the contract is not for acquisition of commercial items.

(xv) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA-designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.

(xvi) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA-designated items.

(xvii) 52.225-2, Buy American Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xviii) 52.225-4, Buy American-Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternates I, II, and III.) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$77,533, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(D) If the acquisition value is \$77,533 or more but is less than \$100,000, the provision with its Alternate III applies.

(xix) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.

(xx) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan-Certification. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxi) 52.225-25, Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to Iran-Representation and Certifications. This provision applies to all solicitations.

(xxii) 52.226-2, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation. This provision applies to solicitations for research, studies, supplies, or services of the type normally acquired from higher educational institutions.

(2) The following representations or certifications are applicable as indicated by the Contracting Officer:

(Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)

☐ (i) 52.204-17, Ownership or Control of Offeror.

☐ (ii) 52.222-18, Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products.

☐ (iii) 52.222-48, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Certification.

☐ (iv) 52.222-52, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Certification.

☐ (v) 52.223-9, with its Alternate I, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (Alternate I only).

☐ (vi) 52.227-6, Royalty Information.

☐ (A) Basic.

☐ (B) Alternate I.

☐ (vii) 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM Web site accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov>. After reviewing the SAM database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below (offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date). These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause No.	Title	Date	Change

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on SAM.

(End of provision)

K-2 FAR 52.204-19 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS. (DEC 2014)

K-3 FAR 52.209-7 INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS. (JUL 2013)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision-

"Administrative proceeding" means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission

Administrative Proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals Proceedings). This includes administrative proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include agency actions such as contract audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

"Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000" means-

- (1) The total value of all current, active contracts and grants, including all priced options; and
- (2) The total value of all current, active orders including all priced options under indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity, 8(a), or requirements contracts (including task and delivery and multiple-award Schedules).

"Principal" means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

(b) The offeror ☒ has ☐ does not have current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000.

(c) If the offeror checked "has" in paragraph (b) of this provision, the offeror represents, by submission of this offer, that the information it has entered in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) is current, accurate, and complete as of the date of submission of this offer with regard to the following information:

(1) Whether the offeror, and/or any of its principals, has or has not, within the last five years, in connection with the award to or performance by the offeror of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a proceeding, at the Federal or State level that resulted in any of the following dispositions:

(i) In a criminal proceeding, a conviction.

(ii) In a civil proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in the payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more.

(iii) In an administrative proceeding, a finding of fault and liability that results in-

(A) The payment of a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more; or

(B) The payment of a reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000.

(iv) In a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, a disposition of the matter by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault by the Contractor if the proceeding could have led to any of the outcomes specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), or (c)(1)(iii) of this provision.

(2) If the offeror has been involved in the last five years in any of the occurrences listed in (c)(1) of this provision, whether the offeror has provided the requested information with regard to each occurrence.

(d) The offeror shall post the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this provision in FAPIIS as required through maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management database via <https://www.acquisition.gov> (see 52.204-7).

(End of provision)

K-4 FAR 52.209-11 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING DELINQUENT TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW. (FEB 2016)

(a) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, the Government will not enter into a contract with any corporation that-

(1) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or

(2) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) The Offeror represents that-

(1) It is ___ is not ☒ a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(2) It is ___ is not ☒ a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

(End of provision)

K-5 FAR 52.230-1 COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND NOTICES AND CERTIFICATION. (OCT 2015)

K-6 FAR 52.230-7 PROPOSAL DISCLOSURE—COST ACCOUNTING PRACTICE CHANGES. (APR 2005)

K-7 EPAAR 1552.209-72 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION. (APR 1984)

The offeror ___ is ___ is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest. If the offeror is aware of information bearing on whether a potential

conflict may exist, the offeror shall provide a disclosure statement describing this information. (See section L of the solicitation for further information.)

(End of provision)

K-8 EPAAR 1552.224-70 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF CONSULTANTS AND CERTAIN SOLE PROPRIETORS AND PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT. (APR 1984)

(a) Section 6041 of title 26 of the U.S. Code requires EPA to file Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099 with respect to individuals who receive payments from EPA under purchase orders or contracts. Section 6109 of title 26 of the U.S. Code authorizes collection by EPA of the social security numbers of such individuals for the purpose of filing IRS Form 1099. Social security numbers obtained for this purpose will be used by EPA for the sole purpose of filing IRS Form 1099 in compliance with section 6041 of title 26 of the U.S. Code.

(b) If the offeror or quoter is an individual, consultant, or sole proprietor and has no Employer Identification Number, insert the offeror's or quoter's social security number on the following line.

(End of provision)

K-6 Local Clauses EPA-K-03-101 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS-REPRESENTATION

(a) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), Government agencies are not permitted to use funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) under that or any other Act for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(b) The prohibition in paragraph (a) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(c) Representation. By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it does not require employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

K-7 Local Clauses EPA-K-04-101 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING A FELONY CONVICTION UNDER FEDERAL LAW OR UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY (APR 2012)

(a) In accordance with Sections 433 and 434 of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-74); 2013 Continuing Appropriations Resolution (Pub.L. 112-175); Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Pub.L. 113-6); Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (Pub.L. 113-46), and subsequent relevant appropriations acts, none of the funds made available by the Act may be used to enter into a contract with any corporation that:

(1) Was convicted (or had an officer or agent of such corporation acting on behalf of the corporation convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the

awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the government;

(2) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the government.

(b) The Offeror represents that:

(1) It is ☐ is not ☒ a corporation that has been convicted (or had an officer or agent of such corporation acting on behalf of the corporation convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months,

(2) It is ☐ is not ☒ a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

(c) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its representation was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(d) A representation that any of the items in paragraph (b) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, failure of the Offeror to furnish a representation or provide such additional information as requested by the contracting officer may render the Offeror nonresponsive.

(e) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the representation required by paragraph (b) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(f) The representation in paragraph (b) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly provided an erroneous representation, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the contracting officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

THIS REPRESENTATION CONCERNS A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE MAKING OF A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATION MAY RENDER THE MAKER SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.